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DEVICES FOR  
MICROEXTRACTION

Examiner: Padmanabhan, Karan

Art Unit: 1641

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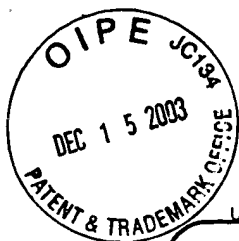
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